

Surprise Valley North RIM Firebreak

The Surprise Valley landscape contractor will begin trimming the 20 ft wide fire buffer along the North Rim on July 15th. This work is funded by a BLM grant and will consist of the following.

- Grass will be trimmed, but will not be cut shorter than 6 inches in height.
- Care will be taken to keep cut organic materials from homeowner yards. However, grass length, thickness, wind, etc. may all play a factor. If organic materials are blown into your yard, please rake and remove. We appreciate it!

Firebreak Process Prohibitions/Restrictions:

- The use of metal blades, chains, and similar metallic implements is specifically prohibited.
- All internal combustion engines used for fire mitigation activities will have a spark arrestor.
- The removal of shrubs, brush, and trees is prohibited, unless specifically approved on a case-by-case basis.
- Denuding the ground (removal of grasses down to bare earth) is prohibited

Best practices will be observed:

- A fire extinguisher will be on hand.
- Hot equipment will not be laid on dry grass where it may ignite flammable grasses.
- Refueling will take place on paved surfaces